(ख) यदि हां, तो इस घोटाले का पता कब चला, इस समिति का गठन कब किया गया और समिति ने किन कारणों से अभी तक प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत नहीं किया है; और

(ग) इस समिति द्वारा अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत करने हेतु क्या समय-सीमा निर्धारित की गई थी?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा. सी. सिल्वेरा) : (क) से (ग) तकनीकी समिति की रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हुई थी। यह मामला जांच के लिए केन्द्रीय आसूचना ब्यूरो को सुपुर्द कर दिया गया था तथा एक आरोप सत्र न्यायालय में दाखिल किया गया है।

Assistance to Gujarat for control of Tuberculosis

5645. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of men and women in urban and rural areas affected with tuberculosis in Gujarat State;

(b) the details of programmes being run/proposed to be started during 1994-95 to prevent tuberculosis in the State;

(c) whether any assistance has been sought for by the State Government for this purpose for the year 1994-95; and

(d) if so, the details of the assistance given by Government during 1993-94 and funds allocated to the States for the year 1994-95 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) The prevalence of tuberculosis is about 1.5% of the population, with about 1/3rd of the patients being females.

(b) to (d) The National Tuberculosis Programme funded on 50:50 sharing basis between Centre and State and the SIDA funded pilot project in Mehsana based on supervised Short Course Chemotherapy are continued in 1994-95. The Central assistance to the State during 1993-94 was Rs. 276.00 lakhs and during 1994-95 an amount of Rs. 282·00 lakhs has been proposed.

Unethical practices in transplantation of Kidneys in Bombay

5646. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the 'Indian Express' of 1st April, 1994 under the caption "Bombay's Kidney Bazar does not fail these foreigners" and also similar news items published from time to time regarding unethical practices in the transplantation of Kidneys, if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether any action has been taken during the past two years against any of the private hospitals involved in the immoral trade; if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the legal position with regard to the sale of Kidneys and other human organs; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) to (d) Government are aware of various news reports. In order to regulate the removal, storage and transplantation of human organs for therapeutic pur-